

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Dwayne Yount et al.

Serial No.: 09/853,043

Filed: May 11, 2001

For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING
IMPROVED EVENT READING AND DATA
PROCESSING CAPABILITIES IN A FLOW
CYTOMETER

Group Art Unit: 287

Examiner: Not Assigned

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby transmit copies of the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449, which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

As indicated, all documents are in English and therefore, no statement of relevance is required. Also, because the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, the fee of \$180.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.

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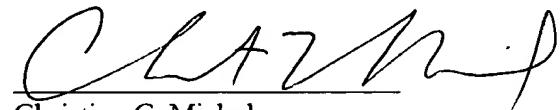
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The Examiner is requested to consider the attached documents in connection with the above-identified application and to return a copy of Form PTO-1449 to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided.

Submission of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission by the Applicants as to the materiality of the attached documents to the application, nor do the Applicants waive any right to challenge the validity of the documents as prior art should such action be deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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